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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1763**

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0017-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1792
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Application No.: 09/696,232)	Examiner: Allan W. Olsen
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Filed: October 26, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 5127
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 17, 2009, the period for response to which extends through May 18, 2009, as May 17, 2009 is a Sunday, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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